

August 10, 2005

Arthur Neal
Director, Program Administration
National Organic Program
USDA-AMS-TMO-NOP
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Washington, DC. 20250



Dear Mr. Neal and the National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, and Docket number TM-04-07.

This is a formal letter of support to keep the present NOP ruling for the organic processing ingredients and processing aids.

Nutriant is a division of Kerry Inc., which processes Non-GMO and Organic soybeans into soy food ingredients for the food industry. At this time we are one of a few companies that can provide organic soy concentrates and organic soy isolates to the food industry.

Currently we use the following materials for our organic processing:

- Silicon Dioxide as a flow agent,

- Natural PH adjusters,

- Various enzymes,

- Organic foam controllers.

These products are currently on the approved list of the NOP and would be eliminated with the new proposed ruling.

If this new ruling becomes law it would force us to abandon our sales of organic concentrates and organic isolate powders. This would be a major blow to the organic industry and would probably force many companies to abandon their organic product lines. This new ruling could cause the collapse of the organic industry, as we know it today. The health conscious consumer would be forced back to the mainstream food markets and the organic industry will lose 25 years of marketing efforts.

I highly recommend that we leave the current NOP program the way it is.

Nutriant would be glad to discuss these issues in more detail with you if necessary.

Sincerely,

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